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ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE DIVISION OF POL AFFAIRS, A4

FOR EUR/RPM

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1. ON RECEIVING ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBJECT VACANCY, MISSION QUERIED NATO ON STATUS OF OUR NOMINATION OF FSO JAMES T. JOHNSON FOR POSITION OF ECONOMIC ANALYST(REFTTEL). WHILE DECISION WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE END OF MARCH, WE UNDERSTAND AUTHORITATIVELY BUT UNOFFICIALLY THAT JOHNSON IS NOT REPEAT NOT AMONG FINALISTS BECAUSE HE LACKS EASTERN EUROPEAN OR SOVIET EXPERIENCE. IN MISSION'S OPINION, U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE TO NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE. GIVEN STATUS OF JOHNSON NOMINATION, WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. NOMINATE A WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED FSO MERRITT BRAGDON IN SUBJECT POSITION. CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MAY 15, 1975.

2. POST DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS:

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DUTIES:

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE HEAD OF THE
SOVIET STUDIES SECTION TO STUDY ECONOMIC
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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER
WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, INCLUDING GENERAL
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, THE BURDEN OF DEFENCE,
SECTOR, REGIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOP-

MENTS, FOREIGN TRADE. TO WRITE BRIEFS,
MEMORANDA AND REPORTS ON THESE MATTERS FOR
THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. TO UNDERTAKE OTHER
STUDIES AS REQUIRED.

QUALIFICATIONS:

HONOURS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS, EXPERIENCE IN
HANDLING AND INTERPRETING STATISTICS; A BASIC
KNOWLEDGE OF ECONOMETRICS WOULD BE A DISTINCT
ADVANTAGE. ABILITY TO READ BOTH ENGLISH AND
FRENCH AND TO WRITE FLUENTLY AT LEAST IN ONE
OR THE OTHER; SEVERAL YEARS EXPERIENCE OF
SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
AND POLICIES AND CAPABILITY OF INTERPRETING
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES NATIONAL ACCOUNTS DATA.
ABILITY TO WORK ON MATERIAL IN RUSSIAN AND
POSSIBLY OTHER LANGUAGES OF THE WARSAW
PACT AREA. WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO
WORK AS ONE OF A TEAM.

NOTE: THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF THREE
YEARS, SUBJECT TO RENEWAL BY MUTUAL CONSENT.
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